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Sir:

This paper, filed pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.116, is responsive to the final Office Action dated April 6, 2004. Claims 1-2 and 4-34 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 4-26, and 31-34 presently stand rejected over newly cited U.S. Patent 6,394,907 (Rowe). Claims 27-30 were previously withdrawn from consideration, and Claim 3 was previously canceled.

By this paper, it is requested that Claims 1-2, 4-12, 19-26 and 31-34 be canceled without acquiescence in the grounds of rejection, and new Claims 35-40 added. The accompanying Remarks focus on independent Claim 13 (from which remaining Claims 14-18 depend). New Claims 35-40, as further explained, are system claims generally corresponding to pending method Claims 13-18. For the reasons described in the Remarks below, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 13-18 and new Claims 35-40 are allowable over the newly cited Rowe '907 patent.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.